R^1 and R^2 are each independently a C_1 - C_4 -alkyl optionally substituted with hydroxy or halogen; and

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R³, R⁴, R⁵, R⁶, R⁷, and R⁸ are each independently hydrogen, C₁-C₄-alkyl, C₁-C₄-alkyloxy, hydroxy, CF₃, CN, NO₂, or halogen,

with the proviso that at least one of the groups R³, R⁴, R⁵, R⁶, R⁷, and R⁸ is not hydrogen.--

--5. (Amended) The compound of formula 1 according to claim 4, wherein:

A is

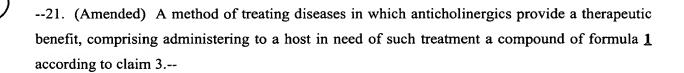


--6. (Amended) The compound of formula 1 according to claim 1, wherein:

R¹ and R² are each methyl; and

R³, R⁴, R⁵, R⁶, R⁷, and R⁸ are each independently hydrogen or fluorine.--

- --19. (Amended) A method of treating diseases in which anticholinergics provide a therapeutic benefit, comprising administering to a host in need of such treatment a compound of formula 1 according to claim 1.--
- --20. (Amended) A method of treating diseases in which anticholinergics provide a therapeutic benefit, comprising administering to a host in need of such treatment a compound of formula 1 according to claim 2.--



--22. (Amended) A method of treating diseases in which anticholinergics provide a therapeutic benefit, comprising administering to a host in need of such treatment a compound of formula 1 according to claim 4.--

--23. (Amended) A method of treating diseases in which anticholinergics provide a therapeutic benefit, comprising administering to a host in need of such treatment a compound of formula 1 according to claim 5.--

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--24. (Amended) A method of treating diseases in which anticholinergics provide a therapeutic benefit, comprising administering to a host in need of such treatment a compound of formula 1 according to claim 6.--

--31. (Amended) A compound of formula 4

wherein:

A is a group selected from

R¹ is a C₁-C₄-alkyl optionally substituted with hydroxy or halogen; and R³, R⁴, R⁵, R⁶, R⁷, and R⁸ are each independently hydrogen, C₁-C₄-alkyl, C₁-C₄-alkyloxy, hydroxy, CF₃, CN, NO₂, or halogen,

with the proviso that at least one of the groups R3, R4, R5, R6, R7, and R8 is not hydrogen.--